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23-25-27 South Sixth Street
d. 1882

Owner: Woodburn Printing Co.
23-25-27 S. Sixth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana

Description:

Photo #15, Bldg. #236

This structure is a two-story commercial building built in the Italianate style in the late 19th century. The building is rectangular in plan with a flat roof, and features a cast-iron storefront on the ground floor of the main facade. A 1975 renovation included the repainting of the exterior, with special attention given to the ornate paneled frieze and cornice.

The ground floor of the symmetrical main (east) facade is divided into three bays by heavy cast-iron pilasters. The center bay is slightly recessed and contains a large display window flanked by two entry doors. The other two bays on this level are identical, each containing a large display window. The second floor is divided into ten identical bays, each containing a tall, narrow window with a segmental arch top. Stone voussoirs are used to frame the openings over these windows. A stone string course serves as a continuous sill for all ten windows. Above these windows is an entablature featuring a paneled frieze, paired brackets, and a projecting cornice. The name of the current owner is painted between the second floor windows and the cornice, and also above the center ground floor window.

Significance:

The building at 23-25-27 South Sixth Street is architecturally significant as an intact and representative example of the late 19th century brick commercial architecture with cast-iron detailing—an important building type in Terre Haute's architectural heritage. This building has been spared major alterations and still retains its pressed metal cornice, segmental arched windows, and ground floor cast-iron pilasters and columns.

Constructed in 1882, this building was originally the home of A. B. McWhinney and Company. This firm dealt in confections, baked goods, and imported and domestic fruit on both the retail and wholesale level. The building was purchased by the current occupant, the Woodburn Printing Company, in 1910.

Geographical Data

Acreage: Less than one acre

UTM Reference: 16/464720/4368340

Boundary: Map #1806-21, Block #476, Parcel #018